

I find it to be discouraging, that in this day and age, that the voice of the few seems to try to govern the many. It is also disheartening to still be in the grips of "Money Talks" mentalities. Lobbyists have allowed the few minorities to be heard in the past, but common sense should also dictate when the boundaries of this state are put to the breaking point. In our constitution there is a wonderful thing called the 1st Ammendment. This guarantees the right of free speech. XM Radio has the right to air shows that are of a political nature, both right and left wings are represented, with no problems. But now, that they want to give me access to weather and traffic data, NAB is trying to stop them. If I'm not mistaken, I PAY for what is broadcast to my XM Radio. If I do not wish to partake in a particular channel, then it is also my freedom and choice NOT to listen to it. It has always been about the freedom of choice. Now, NAB wants to take one of my choices away, because they are threatened by it? Think about it. If I'm listening to XM Radio, then I'm not listening to any other venues. Trying to force me to turn off a service that I GLADLY pay for, so that I can get local information is preposterous. I strongly urge the FCC to reject NAB petition 04-160. Not for the sake of someone's pocketbook. But for the sake of my personal freedom to choose. And to uphold XM Radio's 1st Ammendment RIGHT, to free speech.

Respectfully yours,
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